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HAVING CHOSEN OUR CAUSE WITHOUT GUILE AND WITH PURE MOTIVES, LET US RENEW OUR TRUST IN GOD AND GO FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR AND WITH MANLY HEARTS.

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#### England Belligerent.

The Foreign news by the Europa has decided Ly a warlike aspect, and leaves so little doubt as to what course England is intending to take, or has already taken in the matter of Capt. Wilkes' boarding the Trent and forcibly removing therefrom the rebelemmissaries, Mason and Slidelt, that it will be safe in our discussion of it be delivered up at the demand of England, or a war with that power will ensue. The British Ministry seem to have outrun the hot impatience even of the excited populace, and to have distinced the speed of the most belligerent of their newspapers. They seem to have spent no time in discussion or in the adjustment of conflicting gerecedents, but to have seized at once, with an avidity that interprets much of their past dou'tful neutrality, upon this chance for war; and the spirit in which they have met this question goes far to remove the thin mask of impartiality under which they have hitherto disguised their sympathy with the Southern rebelthe South. The British Government has two over to somebody who, we hope, can. wants It wants cotton, and so would be glad of an excuse to raise the blockade of Southern ports, and it wants to crush out Democratic institutions wherever they exist; and it doubtless thinks it sees in this opportunity the chance to gratify both its desires, and so it has made haste to take up the cudgels for Mason and Slidell, and will go to war to vindicate the right of a neutral vessel to carry the ambassadors and despatches of an enemy without liability to scarch or seizure.

Whatever course our Government may pursue, one thing at least ought to be certain, and in town on Siturday, in company with a large that is, that the threat of Great Britain should have no weight whatever with the Cabinet at Washington. It is simply a question, so far as retire, which the negro declining to do, volunour Government is concerned, whether Capt. Wilkes did right, and it he did, we ought to defend the act against the world in arms. If he did wrong, and is not justified by the law of him up pretty close. He attempted to evade stations in the arrest, the Government ought to him by getting behind a pile of lumber; but and the matter right, and doubtless would, without respect to a threat of war with England.

Alle course our Government will pursue, could seem to be certain, taking into the acse and the action of Congress, and the letter of Secretary Welles to Capt. Wilkes. Yet it must de borne in mind that the President was unexa sete liv silent on the subject of this se zure, in his message, and that Secretary Seward, wh has charge of the department of Foreign Affairs, has not yet publicly announced any opinion upon the question; and silence in such quarters, when there has been opportunity for ar expression of opinion, is quite significant.

Mr. Seward's theory, and his instructions to our Ministers abroad, relating to the rebellion, have been based upon the assumption that the schellion is only a little domestic trouble of our own, and that, as far as foreign powers are concorned, this country is to be treated precisely as though it was at peace; and it certainly doesn't appear easy, with this view of the rebellion, to justify the arrest of Mason and Slidell, inasmuch as they would only be criminals and not in any sense contraband of war. But we shall so soon know how our Government receives the threatening ultimatum of England that it is hardly Sergeant Maj-A. H. Danforti, Westminster.

worth while to speculate upon it. We trust, however, the question will not b -decided in any craven or cowardly spirit on our part. We have had two wars with England Hospital Steward-Joel H. Fisk, Hydepark. already, and have not left for John Bull much of a record of glory in either of them, and we of this town, has been promoted to the position know of nothing in our present state of affairs of Master of the United States gun boat Tus-

hopeful issue of a third attempt to strike at the Eagles of America. We have an army of 600,-000 men in the field, prepared to fight anybody who is making war upon the Federal Government,-which is nearly ten times as many as we have needed or used in former wars. Our navy is larger, of heavier metal, and in a higher state of efficiency than it has over before been. The Nation has, in addition to its immense resources already mustered, a reserved strength of 400,000 men, that if needed it can put into the field Everything needed to equip and thoroughly appoint this immense army is manufactured at home, and is now produced in almost marvelously large quantities daily. The country is on a war footing, and needs but the stimulus of an attack from England to teach that domineering power, that the allies of human slavery, whether at home or abroad, have yet many lessons to learn of the strength and endurance of the freemen of the United States. And it is by no means impossible that a war

just now with England might serve to clear away the mists from the eyes of those who, with a mawkish sentimentalism, yet discourse about the sad necessity of fighting our brethren. the morning in season for the morning mails. When the Nation sees the rebels of Jeff. Davis' Each edition will contain the latest telegraphic kingdom standing side by side with the minions of the British Queen, vieing with each other in the desperation of their attacks upon a Republican Government and Free Institutions, it will see the necessity of making the most deadly thrusts at every enemy of our Government, whether native or foreign, 200,000 men, we may fairly presume, will not then be kept for mouths watching the sluggish tide of the Potomac, but will be set about a soldier's business, the business of fighting the armed enemies of the country. And while we certainly have no desire to see England added to the list of our armed foes in this contest, preferring to be left to fight our own battles and settle our own domestic affairs in our way, we yet will teach her if she meddles with us, that we have more flags on the sea, and more on the land than when in 1812-14 we taught the haughty mistress of the seas that the Yankee Nation was able to take to treat it as settled that Mason and Slidell must care of itself, notwithstanding the teeth and nails of the British Lion.

1st Company of Sharp-Shooters .- A gentle man who has a brother in this company, writes us inquiring, why it is that this company are to be deprived of pay from the 13th day of Sqtember,-when, our correspondent says, they were sworn into service at Randolph,-until the 31st day of October, when the Treasurer's Circular says their pay commences. The pay of these soldiers from the General Government is said to commence from the date of their enlistment; and there seems to be much reason for our cerrespondent's asking why the pay from the State Iton, and to reveal their purpose of seizing upon should not commence at the same date. How any pretext to give efficient aid and comfort to ever, we can't answer the question, and turn it

> THE CAVALRY REGIMENT of Col. Platt left Burlington Saturday morning for the scat of war. About twenty-five were left in the hospital.

JAMES HOGAN, a private in Company E, (Windsor Company.) was killed at Sunderland, being run over by the train. The Regiment, as we learn from the Burlington Times, arrived in New York, at 10 A. M., Sunday.

ATTEMPTED MURDER .- A volunteer who is said to reside at Rutland, and who had just enlisted in the 7th Regiment, was on a "bender" and muscular colored gentleman. The attentions of this individual after a while became rather borous to the volunteer, and he binted to him to teer knocked him down The negro swore revenge. About 7 o'clock Saturday evening, the volunteer had occasion to go down on Nye's dock, when he discovered the negro following the shoulder, and tumbled volunteer into the lake. The volunteer after swimming round for dear life' nearly an hour at last grasped a peg extending from the dock to which he hung on some three hours, when his cries for help attracted the attention of some boatmen who speedily came to his relief and took him in an almost life less condition to the " Lake House' where by the aid of Dr. THAYER, who was immediately sent for, he was restored to consciousness. At last accounts he was doing we'l Sheriff Flanagan and officers White and Livock immediately started in pursuit of the negro, but had not secured him at a late hour last evening. Early yesterday morning they arrested a negro on suspicion but on being confronted with the volunteer he declared he was not the man who attacked him .- Burlington Times.

#### The First Vermont Cavalay-Its Field and Staff.

Colonel-LEMUEL B. PLATT, Colchester. Lieut. Colonel-GEO. B. KELLOGG, Brattleboro. Senior Major-WM. D. Collins, Bennington. Janior Major-John D. BARTLETT, Montpelier. Adjutant-EDGAR PITKIN, Burlington. Quartermaster-A. S. Dewey, Burlington, Surgeon-Geo. S. Gale, Bridport. Assist, Surgeon-P. O.MEARA EDSON, N Chester Chaplain-John N. WOODWARD, Westford.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF : Q M. Sergeant -- C. V. H. SABIN, Wallingford. Com'y Sergeant-M.H. WORCESTER, Brattleboro. Chief Buglers CYRUS GREEN, St. Albans. F. A. PROUTY, Brattleboro.

PERSONAL .- Midshipman Henry L. Johnson, which may lead England to look for a more carora just completed at Philadelphia .- Bur-

### BY TELEGRAPH TO THE FREEMAN

7 O'CLOCK, A. M.

GREAT BATTLE IN WESTERNVIRGINIA

The Rebels Rosted and 200 Killed!

## The Union Loss Only Thirty.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from Cheat Mountain to the Commercial says: Yesterday one of the hardest and best fought battles of the war was fought at Alieghany Camp, Pocahontas, Va., between Gen. R. H. Milroy, commanding the Union troops, and Gen. Johnson of Georgia, commanding the rebels. The fight lasted from daylight until 3 o'clock P. M.

The Union loss is about thirty and the rebel loss over two hundred, including a Major and many other officers, and thirty prisoners. Gen. Johnson was shot in the mouth, but not fatally

The 12th Georgia regiment suffered the most. Gen. Milroy's force numbered 750 men from the 9th and 13th Indiana and the 25th and 32d Ohio and the 2d Virginia. Gen. Johnson's force numbered over 2000 men.

The 9th Indiana Regiment fought bravely to the last. After driving the enemy into their barracks no less than five times, our forces re treated in good order. The rebels set fire to their camp and retreated towards Stanton. Gen. Milroy has driven the last army out of Western

MORE ABOUT THE FIRE AT CHARLESTON. BALTIMORE, Dec 14. We have the Norfork Day Book of Thursday last, which contains nothing new, except a long editoral urgray that vessels be sunk in the channel of the river. The editor is evidently alarmed, and has had his confidence in river bateries somewhat shaken.

One report of the fire at Charlescon says that it broke out in a sash factory, and that engines were sent from Savannah, Columbia and Augusta to subdue it, but arrived too late to stay the conflagration.

New York, Dec. 14 -The Tribune's special dispatch says of the Charleston fire ; "Nearly all that part of the city from Broad street, on Southeast bay, on East and King street, and on West street, is said to be des royed, including the Catholic Cathedral, the Circular Church, Institute, St. Andrew's Hall, the theatre and the executive rooms. The extra train left Augusta with supplies for the sufferers, thousands of whom roamed the streets, and also with assistance to fight the fire.

#### FROM KENTUCKY.

Bagdad, Ky, Dec. 14. A courier from Jack sonville, Ky., says that when Capt Lee arrived with reinforcements for Col. Whitaker he found the house where the secessionists were endeav ate Commissioners or to take his leave of Washoring to make the Union men subscribe to the ington was premature, and so exaggerated as to oath of allegiance to the Southern Confederacy, entirely descrited. Capt. Lee then dispatched a squad of soldiers to several scession houses, have been informed a private telegraph has been who found they had all been vacated with evidences of a hasty retreat.

Three secessionists are reported to have been wounded at the skirmish yesterday at Jackson- delivery of prisoners and full reparation.

THE ESCAPE OF THE SUNTER.

New York, Dec. 14. The Bermuda Royal Gazette of the 3d inst., has the following, relative to the escape of the pirate Sumter :

On the morning of the 25th, the Iroquois astenished the St. Thomas folks by dropping into the harbor and reporting that on a dark and squally night the Sumter had slipped the fingers of the Dacotah and Iroquois, and had gone no one knew where. The escape is variously a counted for. According to one account, a French war steamer came out of St. Pierre during the night, and the Iroquois gave chuse, and when daylight came the latter discovered his mistake, but in the meanwhile the Sumter had stolen away, and neither the Dacotah nor Iroquois could give any account of her.

THE SUMTER SAILING UNDER THE U. S. PLAG Capt. Briggs of the brig Joseph Park, reports was overhauled by the pirate Somter, which had the American Lag flying, in lat. 6 north, lon. 42, when she was ordered to heave to, and an officer came on board, saying the brig was a prize to the Sumter; at the same time the pirate ran up his rag, hauling down the Ameri-

The brig was thoroughly overhauled, and everything valuable robbed from her, we only beng allowed our clothes. 165 sovereigns were taken from Capt. Briggs, who with his crew were put on board the pirate, and the vessel burned. The Sumter then sailed northward, not using steam, and reporting herself to various foreign vessels as a United States vessel .-Oct. 27, the seh. D. Trowbridge was captured.

Capt. Lyon of the latter and Capt. Briggs were landed at Port Royal Nov. 9th. Three of the crew of the Joseph Park were enticed to join the Sumter. Capt. Briggs expresses thanks for kindness from the Consul at Port Royal and several American and British shipmasters-

St. Louis, Dec. 14. Persons arriving here from the s ceded States are hereafter ordered to report themselves at the office of the Provost Marshal, to register their names and subscribe the oath of allegiance. Thes is to relieve persons who come here in good faith, seeking the protection of the government, from the suspicion which naturally attaches to all parties from the South, and to prevent their agrest or molesta-

## FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamer Europa arrived at Halifax Satorday with instructions to Lord Lyons, the British Minister at Washington to demand the return of Mason and Slidell to the British authorities, and in case of refusal to demand his passports and return home.

The following dispatches in relation to this important matter are brought by the Europa, which left Liverpool on the 1st inst, and the City of Washington which brought news to

Under the influence of the Persias advices from this side the British Cabinet modified its instructions to Lord Lyon to what extent does not appear, and the Europa was detained 12 hours at Queenstown to receive these latest instructions.

At Liverpool on the 1st, American matters were eagerly discussed, and the general deduction was that there was less causes to fear a

The London Observer, ministerial journal. asserts that the demand for an apology from the Federal G versus at insides, also upon the restitution to the protection of the British flag of those who were violently and illegally torn from that spered myrum

The Observer and there is no reason why Mason and Slidell would not be restored to the quarter-deck of the British admiral befor eNew Year's, at Washington in face of twelve British

Nearly all the Landon weekly papers treat the question of the an Jaciato in the same ener-

getic spirit as the Daily papers..

The London Tones says of the promptitude of the British Cabinet in this matter, on Friday the Cabinet directed Lord Russell to prepare his dispatches for Lord Lyons. On Saturday the Ministers met again to revise and finally settle its terms, and it was sent off the same evening The Times under tood that this communication, though couched in the firmest language, presumes that the Federal Government will not refuse to make how rable reparation for an illegal act. The Times has but small hope of such disavowal as at the date of the last American dispatch the new of the Capt. of the San Jacinto had been need place by the Northern public.

The New York portains were urging his pro-

motion. That a motel officer bad the spirit to board a Bruss vessel and carry of rebels is enough to ensure a storm of popularity. By the time Earl Russell's dispatches arrive in America, the multitude may have already do clared to the Government the treatment which Capt. Wilkes is to receive. It becomes as to be propered for an understanate issue in Canada in east of war with the Northern States.

For Lines save, to Mr. Saward's recent inand loss to the position of the Caradian fronto at the oter than not from which was that he water that to to recompate the with England.

wit he to propore, int has an once disipline her minute and countries the mother country by rmprovising a volunteer same. Mentical only wants store hearts, and revious hands true safe! until the spring returns when we can make it timber near Syracuse. The Federal troops in us, and too little upon herself.

As to the state of havai preparations at Portsmouth, the Times says the three classes of reserve comprise eight line of battle ships, six frigates, four correctes, and swelve sloops, all mounting a grand total of lell guns, the steam gunboats attached not included, which are 21 in number, with 42 guns. This however does not include gun outs and mortar vessels laid up. The list is entirely confined to effective vessels at present, or that could be rendered so with

The London Morning Star declares the statement of instructions having been sent to Lord Lyons to obtain the restitution of the Confederhe virtually untrue.

An extra of the Liverpool Courier says, "We received in this town this morning, stating that the Warrior is forthwith to proceed to Annapolis with the British Cabinet's ultimatem, the

The London Morning Post says II has been decided by the law office, s of the Crown that the actions of Capt. Wilkes of the San Jacinto was unjustifiable. He had no right to arrest peaceful passengers sairing under the British flag, and the deed he has committed amounts to a flagrant violation of the code of nations, and a direct insult to this country.

Under these circumstances we need hardly to point out that the Government will lose no time in seeking for prompt and complete reparation which it is its duty to require. In this case it witi assaredly receive the unanimous approbation of public opinion. We are unwilling to place the worst construction on the entrage committed by Capt. Winkes, and to look on it as an intentional affront on the part of the Government of the United States

We hope that Government will at once disap prove the act of their officer, make suitable apology and restore the persons of the geticines arrested and in fact, make every compensation in their power. Wild as are the words written and spoken by Seward and sickless as America i policy not unfrequently is we can hardystoutn pose that the Northern States are seriously disposed to accept war with England.

We have in American waters, including the expedition and ships already there, force amount ng to not far short of 1000 guns, which we could largely increase with the greatest ease and rapidity. In one month we could sweep all the San Jacintos from the seas, blockade the Northern ports and turn to a speedy issue the tide of war now raging. This is so obvious that we find it almost impossible to suppose that the Cabiner at Washington can commit an net so madly suicidal as to reject our carnest an positive demand.

I he London Times says the depositions of the officers of the Trent have been submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown, and their opinion has been given that the proceeding of the American frigate are not justifiable by the law of Nations. It is, we understand, the opinion of these jurists that the right of the Federal Government, acting by its officers, was confined to visiting and searching the mail packet, that if any men or things believed to be contraband of war had been found on board of her, the proper course was to take her into port and submit the question to a prize court which would hear evidence and arguments on both sides.

This proposition seems so clear that it requires only to be stated to obtain universal! assent. The Cabinet meets on Monday to consider what action shall be taken on the opinion of the law officers We do not wish to speculate as to what steps they may consider necessary. It Mason and Stidell were wrongfully taken, they [must be restored with a sufficient

The French journals universally look at the Tient affair in the interests of England. The Paris Patrir maintains that the American Government had no right to arrest the Southern commissioners while on a British mail steamer, and asserts that the English Government mamediately prepared to send reinforcements to Can-

The same journal also gives a report that Admiral Milnes, Commander of the British West India squadron on hearing of the San Jacinto affair forthwith detailed 3 war vessels to escort steamers between Havana and St. Thom as for the procetion of Southerners traveling

Letters from France state that the news of the A merican difficulty caused an immense sensation in Paris, and the first general impression was that ample reparation must be made to prevent

By the City of Washington, off Cape Race, we have dates from Queenstown to t'e 5th, four da's later. The excitement about American matters was unabated. The Temps repeats a statement that Napoleon had tendered his ser. vices as mediator between England and the U

At a banquet at Rochdale Mr. Bright member of Parliament made an eloquent speech on American affairs, but declined to give a decided opinion on the Trent affair. He believed if the seizure of Mason and Slidell was illegal. America would make fitting reparation. He strongly condemned the prevalent war-like feel. ings, sconted the idea that the American Cal, iner had resolved to pick a quarrel with Eng. land, and made an elegant peroration in favor of the North.

A letter was read from Mr. Cobden of a pacific tone, urging a suspension of a judgment. A letter from Gen Scott in favor of the maintenance of friendly relations between England and America, attracts much attention. The seizure of Mason and Slidell continues to monopolize the columns of the English papers, which continue to denounce the act as an insult in the strongest terms.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Col. Murphy's 15th N. Y. Regiment made one interesting experiments. Saturday near the Navy Yard at Washington to show with what facility bridges for crossing rivers can be ar-

Gen. Price is on his last legs. His men are leaving him in large numbers, and if the present vigorous policy against those in arms, or who farmish and and comfort to the enemy is paraged, a better state of things is sure to fol-

Scouts bring in the news of rebel recruiting officers and information of a rebel camp in the these districts are kept actively employed,-Scarcely a day passes without bringing news of a skirmish and the capture of squads of Gen. Price's recruits.

The capture of leading secresion recruiting of ficers and the breaking up of their ambryo camp is doing much to restore peace and quiet .-Those who are disposed to lay down their arms and return to their allegiance, are suffired to

## The Markets.

CAMBRIDGE MARKET, Dec. 11. 41 Market 713 Cattle, about 550 Beeyes and 163 aper 4 agaisting of Working Oven, Cows and one, two and three

Prices - Market Beef - Extra \$6,00, a 0.25; Sr. genlity \$5.75 ; 2d, \$5.00 , 3d \$5.75 to \$4.90. Working Oxen-169 t. 100.

Cows and Calver-\$15, Bl to 59 Calves-\$0,00 to 0,00. Yearlings- None. Two years old-\$15 to 17,

Three years old-\$15 to 20. Sheep and Lambs-3500 at market-Prices in to s. \$2.00 2,50, Hatra, 43 75 to 4.87. Hides, 6 to 6). Pelts, \$1,00 a \$1.25. Calf Skins, 7 to sc.

Tallow, 6 to 6le. Remarks.—The market was quite inactive. For sales were made, and those at last week's prices. Sheep deli-

BRIGHTON MARKET, Dec. 12.

At Market 900 beefcattle, Jose stores, 1500 sheep and Patces-Ree Cattle-Extra \$6,25 : first quality \$6.50

, 2d quaing, \$1,7c a 4 to . 1, 14 te u i. t. Working Oxen- None. Milch Cows-\$16 to 41, common do., \$18 to 12 Calves-None.

Yearlings-58 to 10. Two years old -- \$1210 16. Three yearsold-\$17 to 19

Sheep and Lambs- \$2.00 to 2,50; extra \$3,00: 2,5) Swine-I to 6a. Hiden- 6: 6 . a + 15. Ta'-0 7 - 6; to 6] + Catf Schreete

Remarks-Market dull and inactive. Prices of Bo ! are much the same as last week. The warm weather has had a bad effect, and buyers are few, Skeep and buyers

Lambs du i, and the supply quite large; many mist be left over. Swine are a shade higher than last work.

#### Mails in Montpelier Southern and Eastran mail closer at 7.45 a. m. , at

ryles at 5.15 p. m. Marrien and Wastons clows at 5.45 p. m. . series

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